

### **Situation Report #3**

This report covers the third operational period, occurring on April 18-19, 2013 at 19:00 hours through 07:00 hours. Activities include developments within this operational period regarding the explosion which occurred at the West Fertilizer Company dba Adair Grain, Inc. The facility is located at 1471 Jerry Mashek Drive, West (McLennan County), TX 76691. TCEQ Region 9 Office Emergency Response Staff responded to the incident at 2200 hours on April 17, 2013 and have remained on site since the initial response.

1. Mr. David Mann, Mr. Jeff Kunze, and Ms. Kati Wooten (TCEQ Region 9 Staff) staffed this operational period.
2. Only a few minor smoldering areas at the facility exist and are being monitored. A request has been made to address the hot-spots prior to the initiation of the remediation activities.
3. A request was made for a TCEQ staff member to man a position at the EOC. A meeting was held with Texas A&M Forest Service Incident Response Department Head Paul Hannemann. TCEQ staff agreed to staff the EOC as requested. EOC was manned by Region 9 staff as requested by the Incident Commander.
4. The primary activity of this operational period was for ATF and Task Force 1 staff to continue recovery efforts at the facility.
5. TCEQ staff met with Incident Commander Mr. Frank Patterson and EOC staff to discuss the need to meet with the responsible parties (RP) to issue spill prevention and control directives. Mr. Patterson agreed to initiate contact with the RP and schedule a meeting with them and TCEQ staff. ATF staff indicated that the RP will not be available until further notice.
6. Continuous monitoring continues to evaluate off-site emissions during recovery and upcoming remediation activities.
7. Directions to the ICP were emailed to relief staff.
8. Relief staff from Regions 4 and 11 arrived at 08:30. CID staff Information Resources arrived at the Hazmat Branch Command Post at 09:00.
9. The site remains in the recovery stage. Preliminary debris management plans are being developed. More information to come.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.